

4. (Amended) A pneumatic tire employing for its reinforcing element a composite cord having a 1 x n construction where n is an integer from 3 to 12 with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from 50 °C to 200 °C twisted together, wherein no fiber constitutes a core of the composite cord whereby metallic filaments do not form a sheath around the core.

Add the following new claims 5 and 6:

- - 5. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber and metallic filaments are twisted together at approximately constant pitches and displaced from one another in a longitudinal direction.

6. The pneumatic tire according to claim 4, wherein the polymer fiber and metallic filaments are twisted together at approximately constant pitches and displaced from one another in a longitudinal direction. - -